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Col. Griffin, he of many newspaper fame has started a paper at Monument seventy miles east in Eddy county, having found the field at Plains, Yoakum county, Texas, too sparsely supplied with the long green and several other things to make the publication of a journal such as the Colonel is capable of printing too gigantic a proposition for the little dead Texas town and therefore, he moved that historic George Washington press to the lively town of Monument, where Mayor Harry Gaither and Councilman W. G. McArthur, Judge J. M. Cook, Vice President R. B. Knowles, and Secretary Julius Pinson constitute an admirable board of directors that will undoubtedly be able to keep General Manager Col. W. C. abundantly supplied with advertising subscriptions and job printing, as well as necessities in the way of liquid refreshments. That old Washington hand press has a history. It was brought to Carlsbad in 1899 and set up under the supervision of Dick Rule who came with it from El Paso where it had been used for years, but where it originated is impossible to learn. L. O. Fullen, the present district attorney pulled the big lever for years while working on the Argus and said the old standby got better with age. Col. Griffin through the intercession of his friend Mr. W. G. Woerner and his old standby J. H. James finally got his hands on the machine and started the list of papers he conducted in Carlsbad. Finally James sold the press to Mullane who started the New Mexico Sun with it, holding much more rapid presses a good race, finally selling it to the Colonel who says it is better than ever now.

Attention is called to the professional card of Lawyer D. G. Grantham who has a fine suit of rooms the second door north of the Masonic Building and will be found on hand at all times to attend to business. Mr. Grantham came here three and a half years ago from Corsicana, Texas, and by hard work and close attention to business has built up a large and constantly increasing business and has purchased a fine home on Greene's Highlands and is identified in the prosperity of the country. Of all the acquaintances made by Mr. Grantham since coming here he is proud that all are his friends and he has been more than successful in his business never having dabbled in any side issues such as real estate or other lines, but confined himself strictly to the law with the result that he is known as a perfectly reliable lawyer in the many branches necessary in this country.

The New York World is so indiscreet as to say that Roosevelt is a demagogue and a liar and then goes on to say as follows:

"No other living man has ever so grossly libeled this United States as does this president, who besmirches congress, bulldozes judges, assails the integrity of courts, slanders private citizens and who has shown himself the most reckless, unscrupulous demagogue whom the American people ever trusted with great power and authority."

Now if Mr. Pulitzer was living

in Carlsbad he would not be allowed to use the president or mayor's name, even in his paper and therefore could not say the president libels the United States etc. Roosevelt should move to Carlsbad where lese majestie is properly frowned down.

Now Is The Time.

The bill now before congress for the admission of New Mexico to statehood provides that the United States government shall donate to the new state, among other things, two million acres of the best public lands within the present territorial limits, to be used by sale or lease, for the payment of all the territorial, county, and municipal debts, of New Mexico existing at the time of the passage of the act.

It is possible, and many well informed persons regard it as entirely probable, that this bill will pass at the present short session of congress. The republican national platform pledges the party to the admission of the two remaining continental territories without delay, the president is earnestly in favor of it, and the president-elect is equally friendly to the proposition, and is desirous of having the question disposed of and out of the way before he takes office, hence those who believe the bill will be passed at the present short session are not without what would seem good foundation for such opinion.

Now, according to the terms of the pending bill, if an issue of bonds for the construction of a sewer system for the city of Albuquerque can be effected before the passage of the said bill, the money to pay the bonds will come from the two million acres land donation which the general government will give the new state for just such purposes, and not a dollar of the burden will fall upon the people of the town, of this or any other generation, while, on the other hand, if we continue to fool away our time wrangling over the difference between tweedlee and tweedledum, and fail to get the sewer bonds issued till after the statehood bill becomes a law, we will cut ourselves off from all lot or part in the generosity of the federal government so far as concerns the sewer bond issue, and have to bear upon our own shoulders the whole of that burden of three hundred thousand dollars, more or less.

December 15, 1908.
Editor of the Current and Argus:
City.

Dear sir:

The enclosed editorial clipping from the Albuquerque Journal of the 13th instant would seem to apply with equal force to Carlsbad where some of our timid fellow citizens have been reluctant to bank enough upon the future of Carlsbad to support an issue of bonds to build our badly needed sewer system.

Carlsbad's location, resources and climate entitle it to become the ideal home town and health resort of the Southwest.

The best of sanitary conditions are requisite to make a health resort or a good home town and with the best water system in the territory and an opportunity to have a first class sewer system at moderate cost it seems to many a reflection upon their enterprise, public spirit and confidence in the future of their town that our citizens have not long since come together upon this proposition and built the sewer. Surely our families are

entitled to the best protection we can give them, even at the risk of some financial sacrifice.

If the statehood bill should pass with the provision for payment of territorial, county and municipal debts mentioned by the Albuquerque Journal, as indeed seems likely, we will have ourselves to thank if our more progressive neighbors have both their improvements and no debt, while we will have no further hope of obtaining ours without debt.

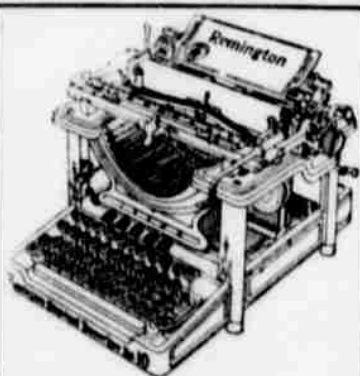
Let us get together while competent contractors are close at hand with a first class plant at Roswell, put in our sewer and put it in right.

If it is indeed too late to obtain the benefits of the statehood bill it will be only another illustration of the familiar adage "The Gods help those who help themselves" which we all of us use in daily life; but whose application seems sometime to be lost when we try to act as a community.

Francis G. Tracy.

The Board of County Commissioners will organize with two new members the coming year. It is with pleasure that we note the disposition on the part of the Board to improve the roads throughout the county. All the Commissioners seem to be in hearty sympathy with the movement of making roads that are creditable to this progressive community. The time is long past when any old trail through the brush can be considered a road. The coming of the automobile also gives impetus to road improvement.

The question of tree planting is beginning to receive the attention it deserves. Several car loads of trees have been ordered for the Loving country, while others are still at work on preparing orders for what they wish to plant. The matter of shade trees, however, is not receiving the attention that it deserves. Nothing improves the appearance of the country like trees. Carlsbad is rightly styled "The Beautiful" on account of its magnificent trees. A farm with a few trees on it is worth more than where the land is absolutely bare.



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